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SUBJECT: STRIKE THREAT IN MAURITIUS SUGAR INDUSTRY

1. IN CONNECTION WAGE RAISES TO BE AWARDED GOM CIVIL SERVANTS IN COMPLIANCE SEDGWICK REPORT (REF. PORT LOUIS A-199), REPRESENTATIVES OF SUGAR WORKERS NOW PRESSING FOR HIGHER WAGES WHICH WOULD RAISE PRIVATE SALARIES TO RELATIVE PARITY WITH PUBLIC SECTOR.

2. PLANTATION WORKERS UNION (UNDER LABOR PARTY STALWART JAGDAMBI) DISSATISFIED WITH RECENT WAGE COUNCIL DETERMINATIONS, AND SAID TO CONDONE STRIKES AT SUGAR ESTATES WHICH REPORTEDLY BEGAN TODAY.

3. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM MOST ANXIOUS HEAD OFF SUCH DEVELOPMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR NEXT WEEK'S VISIT OF IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND PM'S OWN DEPARTURE FOR UNGA.

3. TO THIS END, PRIME MINISTER TOOK OCCASION ROUTINE OPENING CEREMONY AT CAPITAL YOUTH CLUB SEPTEMBER 24 TO GIVE TOUGH TALK ON NEED TO KEEP SUGAR CUT UNINTERRUPTED. DR. RAM STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT CANE CUT IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CONTAINS HIGHEST SUCROSE

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CONTENT AND THUS BROUGHT IN HIGHEST EARNINGS TO MAURITIUS.

CONSEQUENTLY, HE STATED, ALL MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT CUT CONTINUES. PM EMPHASIZED THAT NOBODY SUFFERING UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY, BUT IT DOES LEGALLY EXIST AND ITS PROVISIONS CAN BE INVOKED, IF NECESSARY. PRIME MINISTER EXHORTED YOUTH OF COUNTRY AND UNIONS TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT TO KEEP MAURITIAN ECONOMY BUOYANT. COMMENT: UNDERSTAND THAT IF STRIKE MOVEMENT DOES SPREAD, AUTOMATIC ARBITRATION PROCEDURES WILL TAKE EFFECT, TO WHICH PWU OFFICIALS WILL PRESUMABLY ACCEDE. THUS, STRIKE IS PROBABLY JUST TACTICAL AT THIS STAGE, BUT PRESENT ACTION IS INDICATIVE OF STRONG FEELINGS ON PART UNIONS FOR SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASES IN THIS PRESENT INFLATIONARY PERIOD.

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